

INEEL WATER INTEGRATION PROJECT MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 20, 2002

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Uncertainty Prioritization Value Engineering (VE) Session

The decision was made to postpone the uncertainty prioritization VE session scheduled for Monday, February 25. The decision was based on two considerations. First, several organizations at the stakeholder retreat expressed interest in participating in the VE session, and second, several organizations that will play important roles in the uncertainty prioritization process cannot participate on February 25. The session will have to be postponed at least one month because the computers that will be used for the session are booked until the end of March.

Stakeholder Retreat

Discussed the results of the February 19-20 stakeholder retreat. A total of 20 people (7 INEEL employees and 13 outside participants) attended the retreat. The attendees had a very wide range of experience and had many unique perspectives on how the Water Integration Project should interface with stakeholders. Discussion during the retreat covered a broad range of topics associated with INEEL water issues and led to the following general conclusions:

1. The Water Integration Project must do a better job at defining and communicating its mission and scope.
2. Stakeholders are very interested in helping to plan and participate in project activities such as the uncertainty prioritization VE session.
3. The Water Integration Project should focus on taking actions that will help improve and accelerate INEEL cleanup as opposed to simply coordinating INEEL cleanup activities.

Discussed the need to incorporate stakeholder values into the uncertainty prioritization process. Many participants at the retreat felt that developing prioritization criteria without consideration of these values would lead to poor prioritization decisions.

Discussed the need to avoid giving stakeholder groups the impression that the Water Integration Project is going to change the way stakeholder involvement is accomplished across the INEEL. The project's outreach activities should be viewed as an experiment in developing early stakeholder involvement as opposed to a model that other INEEL projects will be required to follow. The success or failure of the experiment may or may not change the way other INEEL projects approach stakeholder involvement.

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Wednesday, February 27, 1:00 MST